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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: John R. Abe

Application No.: 10/652,640

Group No.: 3639

Filed: August 28, 2003

Examiner: Woo, Richard

For: A METHOD FOR SIMULATING AN OPTIMIZED SUPPLIER IN A MARKET

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:

- i. Prior to abandonment of the application

**ENCLOSURES**

3. Enclosed herewith is:

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**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).**

4. This application is on behalf of small entity (and status is still as small entity).

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 395.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	28	—	28 = 0	x \$ 25.00	= \$		0.00
INDEP.	3	—	3 = 0	x \$ 100.00	= \$		0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 180.00	= \$		0.00
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$		0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for one month:

Fee: \$60.00

**TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$395.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00

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Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) \$60.00

Total Fee(s) Due: \$455.00

**PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

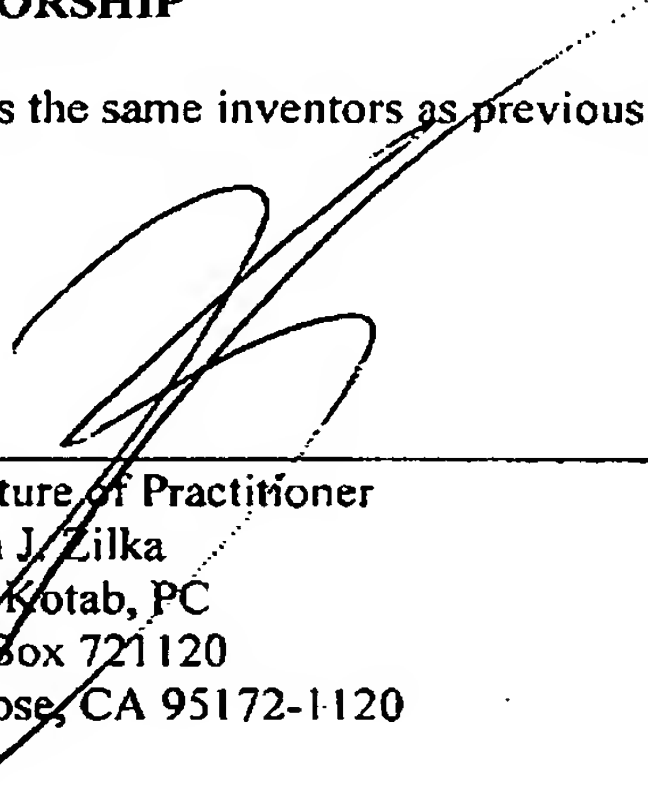
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**INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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